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Remarks/Arguments

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his courtesy extended during the Examiner Interview of January 20, 2004.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 10-12, 14-19 and 20-25 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,972,862 (the '862 Patent). Claim 18 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being obvious by the '862 patent and further in view of U. S. 6,117,783 (the '783 patent). Claims 1-17 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being obvious by the '862 patent and further in view of the '783 patent. Claims 1-13 and claims 18-26 are canceled herein. Claim 14 is amended herein to depend upon new claim 27 rather than canceled claim 1.

New claims 27-46 are added herein. It is submitted that new claims 27-46 raise no new issues and do not require the Examiner to conduct an additional search, since the claims merely clarify the subject matter already presented. For example, dependent claims 28-37, 40-42, and 44-45 contain similar subject matter to that previously presented in canceled claims 1-13 and 18-26.

As was discussed in our recent interview, new claims 27-46 include a recitation to the molar ratio. Independent claims 27 and 43 recite that the acidic buffer solution has, *inter alia*, "a molar ratio of acid to ammonium salt ranging from 10:1 to 1:10." Independent claim 38 recites that the acidic buffer solution has, *inter alia*, "a molar ratio of acetic acid to ammonium acetate ranging from 10:1 to 1:10". The aforementioned recitations are implicit and inherent within the definition of a buffer solution. The range of buffering effect of an acid and its conjugate base is approximately one pH unit on either side of the pK_a. See enclosure, Dean, J. A., <u>Lange's Handbook of Chemistry 15th Ed.</u>, Mc-Graw Hill, Inc. (1999), § 8.3.3. Further, the molar ratio of acid to its conjugate base to provide such a buffering effect, i.e., a molar ratio ranging from 10:1 to 1:10, is well established in the art. See enclosure, Harris, D. C.,

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Quantitative Chemical Analysis, W. H. Freeman and Co., N.Y. (1999), pp. 222-224. See also, Mortimer, C. E., Chemistry: A Conceptual Approach, Litton Educational Publ. Co. (1971), pp. 562-564 (submitted in Applicant's Amendment and Response of January 16, 2003).

Dependent claims 39 and 46 recite that the molar ratio is substantially 1:1. Support for this claim recitation is provided, for example, in the specification at Example 1, page 7, lines 15-23.

As was discussed in our recent interview, the molar ratio recitation in new claims 27-46 is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by the art of record. In this connection, Applicant respectfully submits Exhibit 1. Exhibit 1 provides a table showing the formulations of Examples 1 through 5 and Comparative Examples 1 and 2 of the '862 patent and the formulation of Example 1 of the present application (see page 7, lines 15-23). Exhibit 1 further provides the molar ratios of acid to conjugate base of the various formulations. As Exhibit 1 illustrates, the only formulation in the '862 patent that has an acid and conjugate base pair is Example 4, which has acetic acid and trimethylammonium acetate (referred to in the '862 patent as TMBC). However, in the Example 4 formulation, the molar ratio of acetic acid to TMBC is .065, which falls outside of the effective buffering range, or the 10:1 to 1:10 range. Therefore, substantially no buffering effect is provided within this formulation. By contrast, Example 1 of the present application falls within the effective buffering range and has a substantially 1:1 molar ratio.

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SUMMARY

For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the aboveidentified application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned Attorney at the telephone number listed below. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above.

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EXHIBIT 1: Comparison of Formulations of U.S. Patent No. 5,972,862 to Exemplary Formulation in USSN 09/238,581

Comments		-		Outside of	effective buffering	range				Within	effective	buffering
Molar Ratio Acid/Conjugate	No Buffer	No Buffer	No Buffer	.065		No Buffer	No Buffer	No Buffer	No Buffer	1		
Surfactant (wt%)	EP-120A (.1)	EP-120A (.1)	EP-1204 (1)	EP-120A (.1)		,	:	EP-120A (.1)	i	-	-	
Salt (wt%)	TMAF (5)	TMAF (5)	TMAF (10)	TMBC (3)		:	TMAF (5)	TMAF (5)		Ammonium	Acetate (15.2)	
Organic Solvent (wt%)	DMF (40)	Formamide (40)	DMAC (35)	DMF (45)		DMF (69)	DMF (40)	DMF (40)	DMF (69)	DMAC (57.5)		
Organic Carboxylic Acid (wt%)	Proplonic (1)	Phthalic Anhydride (.1)	Isobutyric (.2)	Acetic (.1)		Boric (,3)	Propionic (.2)	:	;	Acetic (12)		
Ammonium Fluoride (wt%)	8	6	5	10		-	8	ω	-	2,5 (40%	(encenha	
Formulation Ammo	Ex. 1 of '862	Ex. 2 of '882	Ex. 3 of '862	Ex. 4 of '862		Ex. 5 of '862	Reference Ex. of '862	Comparative Ex. 1 of '862	Comparative Ex. 2 of '862	Ex. 1 of	20,000	

(1) For an effective buffer, the molar concentration ratio of the acid to its conjugate base should range from 10/1 to 1/10, or 0.1 to 10. This concentration range is equivalent to a + or – 1 pH unit on each side of the pK_e. See Harris, D. C., Quantitative Chamical Analysis, W. H. Freeman and Co., N.Y. (1999), pp. 222-224 and Mortimer, C. E., Chemistry, A Conceptual Approach, Litton Educational Publ. Co. (1971), pp. 562-564.

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K,	K _b		
1.07×10^{-3}	9.35 × 10 ⁻¹²		
2.63×10^{-5}	3.80×10^{-19}		
	K_{ϕ} 1.07 × 10 ⁻³ 2.63 × 10 ⁻⁵		

Using each value of K_b , and letting F = 0.0500 M, we find

pH of 0.0500 M o-hydroxybenzoate = 7.83 pH of 0.0500 M p-hydroxybenzoate = 8.64

These are reasonable pH values for solutions of weak bases. Purthermore, as expected, the conjugate base of the stronger acid is the weaker base.

EXAMPLE A Wigot Rase Problem

Find the pH of 0.10 M ammonia.

SOLUTION When ammonia is dissolved in water, its reaction is

$$NH_3 + H_2O = NH_4^+ + OH^-$$
Ammonia Ammonium
 $F - x$
 x

In Appendix G we find ammonium ion, NH₄. Listed next to ammonia. pK₄ for ammonium ion is 9.244. Therefore, K₅ for NH₃ is

$$K_b = \frac{K_b}{K_b} = \frac{10^{-14.00}}{10^{-9.744}} = 1.75 \times 10^{-5}$$

To find the pH of 0.10 M NH3, we set up and solve the equation

$$\frac{\text{(NH_4^+)(OH^-)}}{\text{(NH_3)}} = \frac{x^2}{0.10 - x} = K_b = 1.75 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$x = \text{(OH^-)} = 1.3, \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{(H^+)} = \frac{K_w}{\text{(OH^-)}} = 7.6, \times 10^{-12} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log(\text{H}^+) = 11.12$$

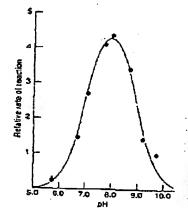


Figure 10-3 pH dependence of the rate of cleavage of an amide bond by the enzyme chymotrypsin. The rate near pH 8 is twice as great at the rate near pH 7 or pH 9. Chymotrypsin belps digest proteins in your intestine. (M. L. Bender, G. E. Clement, F. J. Kézdy, and H. A. Hock, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1964, 86, 3680.)

40-53 Buffers

A buffered solution resists changes in pH when acids or bases are added or when dilution occurs. The buffer is a mixture of an acid and its conjugate base. There must be comparable amounts of the conjugate acid and base (say, within a factor of 10) to exert significant buffering.

The importance of buffers in all areas of science is immense. Biochemists are particularly concerned with buffers because the proper functioning of any biological system depends on pH. For example, Figure 10-3 shows how the rate of one particular enzyme-catalyzed reaction varies with pH. For an organism to survive.

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Mixing a Weak Acid and Its Conjugate Base

If you mix A moles of a weak acid with B moles of its conjugate base, the moles of acid remain close to A and the moles of base remain close to B. Very little reaction occurs to change either concentration.

To understand why this should be so, look at the K_b and K_b reactions in terms of Le Châtelier's principle. Consider an acid with $pK_b = 4.00$ and its conjugate base with $pK_b = 10.00$. Let's calculate the fraction of acid that dissociates in a 0.10 M solution of HA:

HA = H⁺ + A⁻ pK_a = 4.00
0.10 - x x x
$$\frac{x^2}{F - x} = K_a \implies x = 3.1 \times 10^{-2}$$

fraction of dissociation = $\alpha = \frac{x}{r} = 0.031$

The acid is only 3.1% dissociated under these conditions.

In a solution commining 0.10 mol of A⁻ dissolved in 1.00 L, the extent of reaction of A⁻ with water is even smaller:

$$A^{-} + H_{2}O = HA + OH^{-} \qquad pK_{b} = 10.00$$

$$0.10 - x \qquad x \qquad x$$

$$\frac{x^{2}}{F - x} = K_{b} \Rightarrow x = 3.2 \times 10^{-6}$$
fraction of association = $\alpha = \frac{x}{F} = 3.2 \times 10^{-6}$

HA dissociates very linle, and adding extra A⁻ to the solution will make the HA dissociate even less. Similarly, A⁻ does not react very much with water, and adding extra HA makes A⁻ react even less. If 0.050 mol of A⁻ plus 0.036 mol of HA are added to water, there will be close to 0.050 mol of A⁻ and close to 0.036 mol of HA in the solution at equilibrium.

Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation

The central equation for buffers is the Henderson-Rasselbalch equation, which is merely a rearranged form of the K_a equilibrium expression.

$$K_s = \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]}$$

$$\log K_s = \log \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]} = \log [H^-] + \log \frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}$$

$$-\log [H^-] = -\log K_s + \log \frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}$$

$$pH = pK_s$$

Henderson-Hasselbalch equation: $pH = pK_s + log \frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}$ (10-16)

10-5 Buffers

When you mix a weak acid with its conjugate base, you get what you mix!

The approximation that the concentrations of HA and A" remain unchanged breaks down for dilute solutions or at extremes of pH. We will test the validity of the approximation at the end of this chapter.

 $\log xy = \log x + \log y$

The names of Henderson and Hasselbalch appear to be associated with Equation 10-16 because they recognized that the concentrations [AT] and [HA] can be set equal to their formal concentrations, and they were among the first people to apply the equation to practical problems.

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Equations 10-16 and 10-17 are only sensible when the base (A or B) is in the numerator. When the concentration of base increases, the log term increases and the pH increases.

The Henderson-Hasselbalch equation tells us the pH of a solution, provided we know the ratio of the concentrations of conjugate acid and base, as well as pk, for the acid. If a solution is prepared from the weak base B and its conjugate acid, the analogous equation is

$$pH = pK_a + log \frac{[B]}{[BH^+]} pK_a applies$$
 (10-17)

where pK_n is the acid dissociation constant of the weak acid BH⁴. The important features of Equations 10-16 and 10-17 are that the base (A⁻ or B) appears in the numerator of both equations, and the equilibrium constant is K_n of the acid in the denominator.

Challenge Show that when activities are not neglected, the correct form of the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation is

$$pH = pK_a + log \frac{[A^-]\gamma_{A^-}}{[HA]\gamma_{HA}}$$
 (10-18)

Properties of the Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation

In Equation 10-16 we see that if $[A^-] = [HA]$, then $pH = pK_a$:

$$pH = pK_p + log \frac{[A^n]}{[HA]} = pK_s + log t = pK_a$$

Regardless of how complex a solution may be, whenever $pH = pK_s$. [A"] must equal [HA]. This relation is true because all equilibria must be satisfied simultaneously in any solution at equilibrium. If there are 10 different acids and bases in the solution, the 10 forms of Equation 10-16 must all give the same pH_s because there can be only one concentration of H^+ in a solution.

Another feature of the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation is that for every power-of-10 change in the ratio [A]/[HA], the pH changes by one unit (Table 10-1). As the base (A) increases, the pH goes up. As the acid (HA) increases, the pH goes down. For any conjugate acid-base pair, you can say, for example, that if $pH = pK_n - 1$, there must be 10 times as much HA as A. Therefore tenelevenths is in the form HA and one-eleventh is in the form A.

When $[A^{-}] = [HA]$, $pH = pK_a$.

Table 1()-1 Effect of (AT)/(HA) on pH [AT)/(HA) pH 100:1 pK₀ +

(A)(DA)	рн
100:1	$pK_{p} + 2$
10:1	pK + 1
1:1	p <i>K</i>
1:10	pK - 1
1:100	р К. — 2

EXAMPLE Using the Henderson-Hasselhalch Equation

Sodium hypochloric (NaOCI, the active ingredient of almost all bleaches) was dissolved in a solution buffered to pH 6.20. Find the ratio [OCI]/[HOCI] in this solution.

SOLUTION In Appendix G we find that $pK_0 = 7.53$ for hypochlorous acid, HOCl. The pH is known, so the ratio [OCl⁻]/[HOCl] can be calculated from the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation.

$$pH = pK_s + \log \frac{[OCl^-]}{[HOC]}$$

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SECTION B

8.3.3 Buffer Solutions Other Than Standards

The range of the buffering effect of a single weak acid group is approximately one pH unit on either side of the pR., The ranges of some useful buffer systems are collected in Table 8.19. After all the components have been brought together, the pH of the resulting solution should be determined at the temperature to be employed with reference to standard reference solutions. Buffer components should be compatible with other components in the system under study; this is particularly significant for buffers employed in biological studies. Check tables of formation constants to ascertain whether metal-binding character exists.

TABLE 8.19 pH Values of Biological and Other Buffers for Control Purposes

Materials	Acronyen	ρK.	pH range
p-Tolucnorulionate and p-tolucnosulfonic acid		1.7	1.1-3.3
Glycine and HCI		2.35	1.0-3.7
Citrate and HCI		3.13	1.3-4.7
Pormate and HCI		3.71	2.8-4.6
Succinate and borax		4.21, 5.64	3.0-5.8
Phonyl acetate and HCI		4.31	3.5-5.0
Acetate and acetic acid		4.76	3.7-5.6
Succipate and succipic acid		4.21, 5.64	4.8-6.3
2-(N-Morphotino)ethanesulfonic acid	MES	6.1	5.5-6.7
Bis(2-hydroxyethyl)iminotris(hydroxymethyl)methene	BIS TRIS	6.5	5.8-7.2
KH_PO, and borax		2.2. 7.2; 9	5.8-9.2
N-(2-Acetamido)-2-iminodiacetic acid	ADA	6.6	6,0-7.2
2-[(2-Amino-2-oxoethyl)amino]ethanesulfonic acid	ACES	6.8	6.1-7.5
Pinerazine-N, N'-bis(2-ethanesulfonic acid)	PIPES	6.8	6.1-7.5
3-(N-Morpholino)-2-hydroxypropanesulfonic acid	MOPSO	6.9	6.2-7.6
1.3-Bis[tris(hydroxymethyl)methylamino]propane	BIS-TRIS PROPANE	6.8, 9.0	6.3-9.5
KH-PO, and Na-HPO.		7.2	6.1-7.5
N,N-Bis(2-hydroxyethyl)-2-aminocthancsulfonic acid	BES	7.1	6.4-7.8
3-(N-Morpholino)propanesationic acid	MOPS	7.2	6.5-7.9
N-(2-Hydroxyethyl)piperazine-N'-(2-ethanesulfonic acid)	HEPES	7.5	6.8-8.2
N-Tris(hydroxymethyl)methyl-2-aminoethanesulfonic acid	TES	7.5 .	6.8-8.2
3-[N,N-Bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-2-hydroxypropusesulfonic scid	DIPSO	7.6	7.0-8.2
3-[N-tris(hydroxymethyl)methylamino]-2-hydroxypropanesulfonic acid	TAPSO	7.6	7.0-8.2
5,5-Diethylbarbiturate (veronal) and HCl		8.0	7.0-B.5
Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminocthane	TRIZMA	8.1	7.0-9.1
N-(2-hydroxycihyl)piperozine-N'-(2-hydroxypropenesulfonic acid)	HEPPSO	7.8	7.1-8.5
Prograzine-N,N'-bis(2-bydroxypropanexulfonic acid)	POPSO	7.B	7.2-8.5
Triethanolamine	TEA	7.8	6.9-8.5
N-Tris(hydroxymethyl)methylglycine	TRICINE	8.1	7.4-B.8
Borax and MCI			7.6-8.9
N.N-Bis(2-hydroxyethyl)glycinc	BICINE	8.3	7.6-9.0
N-Tris(hydroxymethyl)methyl-3-aminopropanesulfonic acid	TAPS	8.4	7,7-9.1
3-[(1,1-Dimethyl-2-hydroxycthyl)-2-hydroxypropanesulfonic acid	AMPSO	9.0	8.3-9.7
Ammonia (agucous) and NH _a Cl		9.2	8.3-9.2
2-(N-Cyclohexylamino)-2-hydroxy-1-propanesulfonic acid	CHES	9.3	8.6-10.

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TABLE 8.19 pH Values of Biological and Other Buffers for Control Purposes (Continued)

		Mater	Ac	ronyen	p.K.	pH range			
Glycin	e and NaQH	_			9.7	6.2-10.1			
Emano	lamine (2-ami	noethunol) and			9.5	8.6-10.4			
		-2-bydroxy-1-p	CAI	750	9.6	8.9-10.3			
	no-2-methyl-1-		AM		9.7	9.0-10.5			
	ute and hydro			•	10.3	9.2-11.0			
Borax	and NaOH						****	9.4-11.1	
		-1-propunckulic	CAL	es .	10.4	9.7-11.1			
Na,HP	O, and NaOH	•					11.9	11.0-12.0	
	mL of 0.2M S								
	c (27.199 g Na		1				g·L-1) plus		
	per liter) plus				0.05M Borax				
	of 0.2M Acetic	: Acid		· N	02B4O1 · 10H	20 per 1	.i(er)		
-17	NaOAc.	Acetic	- • •	KH2PO4.	Bosax,		KH₂PO.		
ρ Η —	mL	Acid. mL	рН	mL	mL -	pH	mL	mL_	
3.60	7.5	92.5	5.80	92.1	7.9	7.60	51.7	48.3	
3.80	12.0	88.0	6.00	877	12.3	7.80	49.2	50.8	
4.00	18.0	B2.0	6.200	83.Q	17.0	8.00	46.5	53.5	
4.20	26.5	73.5	6.40	77.8	22.2	8.20	43.0	57.0	
4.40	37.0	63.0	6.60	72.2	27.8	8.40	38.7	61.3	
4.60	49.D	51.0	6.80	66.7	33.3	8.60	34.0	66.0	
4.80	60.0	40.0	7.00	62.3	37.7	8.80	27.6	72.4	
5.00	70.5	29.5	7.20	58.1	41.9	9.00	17.5	82.5	
5.20	79.0	21.0	7.40	55.0	45.0	9,20	5.0	95.D	
5.40	85.5	14.5	l F			1			
5.60	90.5	9.5							
Na	mL of Veronal Dicthylbarbit	arate per	x mL of 0.2M Aqueous NH ₃ Solution plus y mL of 0.2M			x mL of 0.1M Citrate (21.0 g Citric Acid Monohydrate + 200 mL 1M NaOH per Liter)			
Luce) plus y mL of	0.1M HCI	NH	LC1 (10.699 g ·	L-')	pi	tus y mL of 0.1	M NaOH	
рН	veronal. mL	HCL mL	pH	Aq NH,. mL	NH _c Ci,	рH	Citrate, mL	NaOH mL	
7.00	53.6	46.4	8.00	5.5	94.5	5.10	90.0	10.0	
7.20	55.4	44.6	8.20	8.5	91.5	5.30		20.0	
7.40	58.1	41.9	8.40	12.5	87.5	5.50		29.0	
7.60	61.5	38.5	8.60	18.5	81.5	5.70		33.0	
7.80	66.2	33.8	8.80	26.0	74.0	5.90	62.0	38.0	
8.00	71.6	28.4	9.00	36.0	64.0	1			
8.20	76.9	23.1	9.25	50.0	50.0	1			
8.40	82.3	17.7	9.40	58.5	41.5	1			
	87.1	12.9	9.60	69.0	31.0	H			
8.60									
6.6D 6.8D	90.8	9.2	9.80	78.0	22.0				

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When there are two or more acid groups per molecule, or a mixture is composed of several overlapping acids, the useful range is larger. Universal buffer solutions consist of a mixture of acid groups which overlap such that successive pK, values differ by 2 pH units or less. The Prideaux-Ward mixture comprises phosphate, phenyl acctute, and borate plus HCl and covers the range from 2 to 12 pH units. The Mellvaine buffer is a mixture of citric acid and Na₂HPO₄ that covers the range from pH 2.2 to 8.0. The Britton-Robinson system consists of acetic acid, phosphoric acid, and boric acid plus NaOH and covers the range from pH 4.0 to 11.5. A mixture composed of Na₂CO₃, NaH2PO4, citric acid, and 2-amino-2-methyl-1,3-propanediol covers the range from pH 2.2 to 11.0.

General directions for the preparation of buffer solutions of varying pH but fixed ionic strength are given by Bates.* Preparation of McIlvaine buffered solutions at ionic strengths of 0.5 and 1.0 and Britton-Robinson solutions of constant ionic strength have been described by Elving et al.; and Frugoni, t respectively.

8.4 REFERENCE ELECTRODES

TABLE 8.20 Potentials of Reference Electrodes in Volts as a Punction of Temperature Liquid-junction potential included.

Temp	0.1M KCl Calomei*	1.0M KCI Caloned	3.5M KCl Calomel*	Saud, KCI Calomet [®]	1.8M KCI Ag/AgCiî	1.0M KBr Ag/AgBr‡	1.0M KI Ag/Agiş
0	0.3367	0.2883		0.25918	0.23655	0.08128	-0.14637
5	0.3.30.	0.2005		0.23710	0.23413	0.07961	-0.14719
10	0.3362	0.2868	0.2556	0.25387	0.23142	0.07773	-0.14822
15	0.3361		1	0,2511	0.22857	0.07572	-0.14942
20	0.3358	0.2844	0.2520	0.24775	0.22557	0.07349	-0.15081
25	0.3356	0.2830	0.2501	0.24453	0.22234	0.07106	-0.15244
30	0.3354	0.2815	0.2481	0.24118	0.21904	0.06856	-0.15405
35	0.3351			0.2376	0,21565	0.06585	-0.15590
38	0.3350		0.2448	0.2355	ļ		1
40	0.3345	0.2782	0.2439	0.23449	0.21208	0.06310	-0.15788
45				1	0.20835	0.06012	-0.15998
50	0.3315	0.2745	1	0.22737	0.20449	0.05704	-0.16219
55	ļ	ŀ	1		0.20056		l
60	0.3248	0.2702	1	0.2235	0.19649		
70	}	i '			0.18782		1
80		1]	0.2083	0.1787		1
90		ŀ	i	1	0.1695	0.0251	1

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